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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Naoyuki Tani et al.
Application No. : 09/786,001 Confirmation No. : 6419
Filed : June 4, 2001
For : WORKPIECE RETAINER AND METHOD FOR
ATTACHING/DETACHING WORKPIECE BY USING
THE SAME
Group Art Unit : 1711
Examiner : Travis B. Ribar

New York, New York 10020
October 20, 2003

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the July 18, 2003 Office
Action in the above-identified application. A response to this
Office Action is due on October 18, 2003. Because October 18,
2003 is a Saturday, this response is timely filed on Monday,

October 20, 2003 [37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a)]. Please amend the application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.